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SUBJ: UN REQUEST FOR RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHS

SUMMARY: SYG WALDHEIM URGENTLY REQUESTED USG PROVIDE A COPY OF US AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS OF LIMITED FORCE AREAS UNEF TROOPS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO INSPECT. HE COMPLAINED TO AMB SCALI THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO AND HE ALWAYS GET SUCH INFO FROM THIRD PARTIES AND WANT DIRECT USG INFO INSTEAD TO GUIDE ANY UNEF ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUND. HE PROMISED TO KEEP SUCH INFO CONFIDENTIAL. END SUMMARY.

1. SYG WALDHIEM READ ME SECTIONS OF TWO CABLES FROM GEN. SIILASVUO, DATED MAR 23 AND MAR 25, WHICH REPORTED UNEF WOULD BE CALLED ON TO VERIFY TRUTH OF ISRAELI COMPLAINTS THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE MOVED ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY AND GUNS INTO WHAT BOTH PARTIES HAVE AGREED WLD BE LIMITED FORCE AREA BETWEEN OPPOSING ARMIES.

2. WALDHEIM SAID MARCH 23 TELEGRAM CAME AFTER HE MET WITH EGYPTIAN GENERAL GAMASY TO RELAY ISRAELI COMPLAINT FORM GENERAL ELAZAR. ELAZAR CLAIMED US RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS 101 GUNS IN LIMITED FORCE AREA INSTEAD OF AGREED MAXIMUM OF 36. GUNS ALLEGEDLY WERE DETECTED AT PORT

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FUAD, PORT SAID AND ELSEWHERE. GAMASY CLAIMED, ACCORDING

TO SIILASVUO, THAT THE AGREEMENT ONLY LIMITED TO SIX THE NUMBER OF BATTERIES EACH SIDE WLD POSITION IN THE LIMITED ZONE. EGYPT'S ARTILLERY BATALIONS --USUALLY KNOWN AS BATTERIES-- CONSIST OF 12 GUNS EACH, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN A TOTAL OF 72 GUNS. GAMASY ALSO ALLEGED THAT NINE 130 MM. GUNS, SIX IN PORT SAID AND THREE IN PORT FUAD, ARE PART OF PERMANENT POSITIONS THERE AND WILL REMAIN. OTHER 30 ARTILLERY PIECES AT PORT FUAD ARE MORTARS, ACCORDING TO GAMASY, AND ALL LONG-RANGE ARTILLERY IN 30 KM. ZONE HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

3. GAMASY SAID UNEF WILL INSPECT ALL SIDES MENTIONED IN US REPORT ON 26 AND 28 MARCH. SIILASVUO AND GAMXASY EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR GREAT ACCURACY AND DETAIL AND FINE STAFF WORK OF US REPORT, ACCORDING TO WALDHIEM. GAMASY INFORMED SIILASVUO EACH SUCH RECONNAISSANCE MISSION COSTS \$500,000.

4. IN SECOND CABLE, DATED MAR 25 SIILASVUO SAID HE WAS ADVISED BY ELAZAR THAT ISRAEL REJECTED GAMASY'S INTERPRETATION RE NUMBER OF ARTILLERY PIECES PERMITTED IN LIMITED FORCE AREA AND EXPLANATION OF COASTAL GUNS AT PORT FUAD AND PORT SAID. ISRAEL REQUESTED EGYPT ADJUST THEIR ARTILLERY TO TYPE AND NUMBER AGREED; THAT IS, 36 SHORT-RANGE ARTILLERY PIECES. ELAZAR ALSO REQUESTED UNEF INSPECT EGYPTIAN FORCE AREA AND 30 KM ZONE ON MAR 26. SIILASVUO SAID HE RELAYED ALL ABOVE INFO TO GAMASY, WHO SAID HE WLD REFER MATTER TO WAR MINISTER AND AGREED THAT INSPECTION COULD BE CARRIED OUT.

5. SIILASVUO SAID HE ALSO MET MAR 23 WITH US AMB IN CAIRO, WHO TOLD HIM USG HAD RECD SIMILAR ISRAELI COMPLAINT. US AMBASSADOR REPORTED HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THREE COPIES OF RECONNAISSANCE REPORT HAD BEEN SENT--ONE FOR PRESENTENT SADAT, ONE FOR WAR MINISTER AND ONE FOR US EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

6. SIILASVUO TOLD US AMB HE NEEDED COPY BECAUSE IF UNEF

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IS TO INSPECT ZONES, THEY NEEDED FUNDAMENTAL INFO. SIILASVUO ALSO ADVISED WALDHEIM THAT UN SHLD BE "KEPT BETTER IN PICTURE BY THE US AUTHORITIES".

7. WALDHEIM SAID HE AGREED WITH SIILASVUO AND NEEDED DATA, ANDY PHOTOGRAPHS IS AND PERTINENT INFO URGENTLY IF UNEF WAS TO VERIFY ANY VIOLATIONS. "HOW CAN WE GET RESULTS WITHOUT KNOWING THIS?/" WE ALWAYS GET

IT FROM THIRD PARTIES", WALDHEIM SAID.

8. I TOLD WALDHEIM I WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS  
OF THIS MATTER BUT WLD RELAY HIS VIEWS IMMEDIATELY TO STATE DEPT.  
WALDHEIM PROMISED TO KEEP COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL  
ALL RECONNAISSANCE AND OTHER AERIAL INFO PROVIDED.  
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